

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A muscular fatigue-controlling composition which comprises ~~[[a]]~~ active ingredients, said active ingredients consisting of muscular fatigue-controlling synergistic effective ~~amount~~ amounts of (a) an imidazole compound which is anserine or a salt thereof and (b) D-ribose~~[[,]]~~ ~~as active ingredients[[,]]~~ ~~in combination with an~~ excipient.

Claim 2. (canceled)

Claim 3. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the imidazole compound is contained in an amount of at least 10 mass%.

Claim 4. (canceled)

Claim 5. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the imidazole compound is contained in an amount of from 5 to 50 mass% and the D-ribose is contained in an amount of from 5 to 50 mass%.

Claim 6. (currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A muscular fatigue-controlling composition according to Claim 1 ~~[[,]]~~ wherein the ~~composition further comprises~~ which comprises active ingredients, said active ingredients consisting of (i) muscular fatigue-controlling synergistic effective amounts of (a) an imidazole compound which is anserine or a salt thereof and (b) D-ribose, and (ii) at least one substance selected from the group consisting of taurine, creatine, vitamin E, vitamin C, carotenoid, reduced glutathione and minerals ~~a mineral~~.

Claim 7. (currently amended) A method for providing a muscular fatigue-controlling effect comprising orally administering to a person in need thereof a muscular fatigue-controlling ~~effective amount of a muscular fatigue~~ ~~[[,]]~~ controlling composition which comprises active ingredients, said

active ingredients consisting of synergistic effective amounts of
(a) an imidazole compound which is anserine or a salt thereof and
(b) D-ribose[[,]] ~~as active ingredients.~~

Claim 8. (canceled)

Claim 9. (previously presented) The method according to
Claim 7, wherein the imidazole compound is contained in an amount
of at least 10 mass%.

Claim 10. (canceled)

Claim 11. (previously presented) The method according to
Claim 7, wherein the imidazole compound is contained in an amount
of from 5 to 50 mass % and the D-ribose is contained in an amount
of from 5 to 50 mass %.

Claim 12. (currently amended) ~~[[The]] A method according to~~
~~Claim 7[[,]] wherein the composition further comprises for~~
providing a muscular fatigue-controlling effect comprising orally
administering to a person in need thereof a muscular fatigue-

controlling composition which comprises active ingredients, said
active ingredients consisting of (i) muscular synergistic
fatigue-controlling effective amounts of active ingredients
consisting of (a) an imidazole compound which is anserine or a
salt thereof and (b) D-ribose, and (ii) at least one substance
selected from the group consisting of taurine, creatine, vitamin
E, vitamin C, carotenoid, reduced ~~gutathione~~ glutathione and a
mineral.

Claim 13. (previously presented) The method according to
Claim 7, wherein the composition is administered in a dosage of 1
to 200 mg/kg of body weight per day, in terms of the imidazole
compound.

Claim 14. (previously presented) The method according to
Claim 7, wherein the composition is administered in a dosage of
5 to 30 mg/kg of body weight per day, in terms of the imidazole
compound.

Claim 15. (previously presented) The method according to
Claim 7, wherein the imidazole compound and the D-ribose are

administered in a total daily dosage of 1 to 200 mg/kg of body weight.

Claim 16. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the imidazole compound and the D-ribose are administered in a total daily dosage of 5 to 30 mg/kg of body weight.

Claims 17 to 21. (canceled)

Claim 22. (new) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises an excipient.

Claim 23. (new) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a perfume.

Claim 24. (new) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a coloring agent.

Claim 25. (new) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a preservative.

Claim 26. (new) The composition according to Claim 6, wherein the composition contains a mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, sodium, magnesium, selenium, iron and zinc.

Claim 27. (new) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the composition further comprises an excipient.

Claim 28. (new) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the composition further comprises a perfume.

Claim 29. (new) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the composition further comprises a coloring agent.

Claim 30. (new) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the composition further comprises a preservative.

Claim 31. (new) The method according to Claim 12, wherein the composition contains a mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, sodium, magnesium, selenium, iron and zinc.